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Letter dated 30 January 1997 from the Permanent Representative of China to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon the instructions of my Government, I wish solemnly to state the following as regards the letter dated 3 January 1997 addressed to the Secretary-General by the Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to the United Nations (A/51/781):

1. There is only one China in the world. The Government of the People's Republic of China is the sole legal Government representing the entire Chinese people. No change in the way in which leaders of Taiwan are produced or in the political system made by the Taiwan authorities can change the universally established fact that Taiwan is part of China. The question of Taiwan falls entirely within China's internal affairs. It brooks no outside interference whatsoever.

2. The United Nations is an intergovernmental international organization composed of sovereign States. Taiwan, which is but a province of China, has never been a sovereign State. It therefore has no qualifications whatsoever to join in any manner whatsoever the United Nations or any intergovernmental organization of the United Nations system whose members are sovereign States. The attempts by the Taiwan authorities to "join the United Nations" are in the final analysis aimed at splitting China, creating "two Chinas", "one China, one Taiwan" and "the independence of Taiwan". Support by any country or individual for the secessionist activities of the Taiwan authorities constitutes an obstacle to the peaceful reunification of China and is therefore bound to meet with strong opposition from the Government and people of China and the vast numbers of justice-upholding and peace-loving Members of the United Nations.

3. General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI) of 25 October 1971 reflected the actual political situation of China since 1949, thus settling once and for all and in a just manner the question of China's representation at the United

Nations, both politically, legally and procedurally. The flat refusal by the General Committee at four consecutive sessions of the General Assembly since the forty-eighth session to include the question of the so-called "Taiwanese representation" on the agenda of the Assembly has fully reflected the firm stand of an overwhelming majority of United Nations Member States in safeguarding the authority of the Charter of the United Nations and resolution 2758 (XXVI), and has proved that the proposal for the so-called "Taiwanese representation" put forward by a very small number of countries has no support at all.

4. It is the unswerving determination of the Chinese Government and people to safeguard their State sovereignty, territorial integrity and national unity. In 1997, the Chinese Government will resume the exercise of sovereignty over Hong Kong, and the concept of "one country, two systems" will turn into a reality. This represents an important step in the reunification of China. The Government of China will adhere to the basic principle of "one country, two systems" and the eight-point proposal put forward by President Jiang Zemin on developing the relations between the two sides of the Taiwan Straits and advancing the process of peaceful reunification of the motherland, and will persistently oppose the secessionist activities of the Taiwan authorities aimed at creating "two Chinas" and "one China, one Taiwan" in the world. The intransigent position of the Taiwan authorities to split the motherland is doomed to failure.

5. The brazen attempt by the Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands to use the forum of the United Nations to undermine China's sovereignty, territorial integrity and the cause of reunification and to interfere in China's internal affairs has seriously violated the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and General Assembly resolution 2758 (XXVI). This can not be tolerated by any Member State that is committed to safeguarding the seriousness of the Charter and the General Assembly resolution in question. Clamouring in favour of the secessionist activities of the Taiwan authorities by the Permanent Representative of Solomon Islands is doomed to failure. In his letter, which is a response to my letter to the Secretary-General of 16 October 1996 (A/51/526), he once again took the occasion to recirculate the statement of July 1996 by the so-called "Foreign Ministry" of Taiwan. The clichés in that letter were refuted long ago and are now beneath any refutation.

I have the honour to request that you have this letter circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under the item entitled "Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations".

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